SHARMA): (a) to (c) A total of 7.55 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to the power projects in the State of Gujarat of which 2.25 MMSCMD is to be supplied from the Western Offshore fields.

बेतिया (बिहार) में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग का कार्यकरण

1794. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान**: क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग बिहार में कब से कार्यरत है और अब तक सरकार ने इसे कितनी राशि प्रदान की है;

(ख) क्या तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग को बिहार में तेल और गैस का कोई नमूना प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ग) क्या वहां पर तेल और गैस के प्राप्त होने की संभावना नहीं है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार वहां पर तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग के कार्यों को कब तक बन्द करने का विचार रखती है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टेन सतीश शर्मा): (क) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग बेतिया में 19.10.93 से कार्यरत है। बेतिया में 3 कुओं के वेधन कार्य पर तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग द्वारा व्यय की गई कुल धनराशि 58.79 करोड़ रुपये है।

(ख) तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस आयोग को बिहार में वाणिज्यिक खोज के योग्य कोई तेल और गैस नहीं मिली है, फिर भी मधुबनी-I में ज्वलनशील गैस के संकेत मिले हैं परन्तु वे पानी में घुली गैसें हैं जिनका वाणिज्यिक दोहन संभव नहीं है।

(ग) बिहार राज्य में अब तक वेधित 6 कुओं से संबंधित आंकड़ों से इन कुओं से तेल और गैस प्राप्त होने की किसी भी संभावना के संकेत नहीं मिलते। फिर भी भूकम्पीय सर्वेक्षण अभी भी किए जा रहे हैं और भविष्य में वेधन कार्य उनके परिणामों पर निर्भर करेगा।

(घ) उपरोक्त (ग) के उत्तर के मद्देनजर प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Privatisation of Oil and ONGC

1795. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise the Oil India Ltd. and Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Oman— Gujarat Gas Pipe Line

1796. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SARDA MOHANTY:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated production and shortfall of gas production in current and next year;

(b) whether the proposed pipe line to be laid between India and Oman would carry the supply of 50 million cubic meter gas per day;

(c) whether the registered demand of 240 MCMD would be met by the end of the Eighth Plan;

(d) whether Oman Gujarat pipe line gas would be distributed to the proposed pipavav Power House for which Government have made commitments in the past;

(e) what is the length of Oman-Gujarat pipe lime and the estimated cost of it

(f) whether the break-up of the cost of Oman-Gujarat pipe line which is to be shared by India and Oman has been worked out, if so, give the details thereof;

(g) what is the estimated capit

investment in the down stream industries and employment generation; and

(h) what is the estimated cost per 1000 cubic meter gas and its proposed sale price from Oman-Gujarat gas pipeline?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The estimated production of natural gas in the current and the next year are as follows:

1993-94	1994-95
49.57 MMSCMD	52.98 MMSCMD

(b) and (d) to (h) An Expert Group has been constituted to examine the proposal of the Omanese Government to lay a gas pipeline at their cost. Other details will be known only after a detailed feasibility report is completed by them.

(c) The registered demand of 240 MMSCMD cannot be met fully by the end of the Eighth Plan.

Allotment of Stalls in Western and Northern Railways

1797. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of stalls which have been alloted at various stations in the country particularly in Western and Northern Railways during 1991-92 and 1992-93 and as on date;

(b) if so, the names and owners of the stall Holders and the number of applications received by Government for seeking allotment of Railway stalls;

(c) the criteria fixed for allotment of Railway stalls to the general public and whether there is any special scheme for Ex-servicemen, SC/ST and widows; and

(d) the number of stalls likely to be allotted by the end of 1993 in each State Railway Station for particular items will the figure of State-wise stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K C. LENKA): (a) The year-wise break-up of stalls allotted on Western and Northern Railways is as under:—

Period	Western	Northern
1991-92	9	8
1992-93	25	49
April 1993 onwards	12	17

(b) Details of the licencees are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIX Annexure No. *43.*]. About 540 applications/representations were received.

(c) The basic criteria is capability, reputation, experience and track record of the party to provide requisite standard of food and service to the passengers. Preference is given to SC/ST candidates for allotment of catering/vending licences at small and roadside stations.

(d) State-wise date is not maintained.

Replacement of Steam Locomotives by Diesel Locomotives

1798. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI MEERA DAS:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI G.G. SWELL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ever after replacing steam-based locomotives by diesel-run locomotives, trains have not reduced the time of the journeys;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Rajkot-Ahmedabad intercity-train takes the same travel time today when it is run on diesel-based locomotives as before it was used to take when steam-based locomotive was used on this track; and